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- 25X1 1. There is an area seven to eight meters wide all along the Bulgarian-Turkish border, between the border stations of Shtit and Maslina, which was plowed in November 1950. [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted] this area was to be mined.
- 25X1 2. South of the above-mentioned area, 20 to 25 meters from the border, is a wire entanglement 1.5 meters wide which was constructed by the people of Raikova Mogila approximately three months ago. Reportedly, this entanglement, which begins at Kapitan Andreevo, will extend as far as the border.
3. There is another wire entanglement which extends from the Raikova Mogila area, seven to eight kilometers north of Svilengrad, circles around the northern part of Stara Lefka, crosses 1 to 1.5 kilometers south of Lefka, and continues toward the east. Allegedly, this entanglement was constructed in 1940 - 1941 and is now being repaired.
4. South of the entanglement are tank traps. An area 400 to 500 meters east of Shtit, near a water mill, has reportedly been mined, as have 10 decares of land 200 meters southwest of Shtit near the quarters of the border Zastava. The mined areas are usually surrounded by wire entanglements.
- 25X1 5. [redacted] presence of border stations at Generalovo, Kapitan Andreevo, Chernodeb, Shtit, Varnik, and Mihalich. The Border Guard Zastavas at Raikova Mogila and Kapitan Andreevo are attached to the Svilengrad Uchastuk. The Kapitan Andreevo Zastava has reportedly been reinforced and is now believed to be of company size.
- 25X1 6. The Border Guard Zastava, with the code name Maslina, is between Shtit and Kapitan Andreevo, three to four kilometers south of Shtit. This station is composed of one platoon which was commanded by Second Lieutenant Pavel Petkov Stranzhev. [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted]

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7. There are three observation towers between the Shtit and the Maslina Zastavas. Reportedly these towers are built on hills from 2.3 to 3 kilometers apart. An observation tower at Varnik has been reported. There is always a guard on duty in the tower. [redacted] patrols consisting of two guards watch the border day and night. These guards are accompanied by dogs and are equipped with Schmeisser guns and two hand grenades.
 8. The depth of the border area is 35 to 40 kilometers. The Militia guards the crossroads and checks the documents of the travellers. Border Guards check the documents of those people in the border area. People travelling from village to village must get an Otkrit List from the municipality, and those travelling out of the country must obtain an Otkrit List from the Svilengrad Militia. The Otkrit List is necessary as far as Harmanlii.

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